Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is the reason why the Government have followed this principle.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will not the deserving men get elected?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Not always.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Most undeserving men generally get elected.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is the case everywhere, all over the universe. Even Mr. Churchill was defeated twice by unknown opponents.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is not Mr. Koniparambil Raman Krishnan an Ezhuva?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it the policy of the Government to see that minorities are represented?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. I am trying my level best to do that. But with the limited number of nominations, I do not say I have satisfied all the claims.

CHALAKKUDI PANCHAYAT—ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

80. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did the last election to the Chalakkudi Panchayat take place;
who were the elected members;

(*b*) who were nominated subsequently;

(*c*) whether there was a requisition from the members of the Ezhuva community that one from among them may be nominated to the Panchayat;

(*d*) whether any Ezhuva has ever been a member of the Chalakkudi Panchayat since the Panchayat was constituted;

(*e*) the approximate population of the Ezhuva community within the villages of that Panchayat area?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) In Makaram 1115.
The elected members are.—

Messrs. 1. Ullattikulam Antony Ouseph.
2. Ullattikulam Cheria Antonykutti.
3. Thaikapilli Peter John.

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4. Pullan Devassikutti Varied.
5. Mullasseri Kali Amma Kunju Nayar.

(*b*) Messrs. 1. Chathamayiparambil Chinnava Rawther Moidin Rawther.
2. Mazhuvampilli Malayan Thattan Manickan Appu

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) About 1,000.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Why could not an Ezhuva be nominated? There are 1,000 Ezhuvas.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is a section of the community called Viswakarmalas. They are holding meetings and passing resolutions that they are not properly represented. It so happened that I was able to get an educated and qualified man of that sect from this place. He belongs to the Thattan community, and I nominated him. It is very difficult to give representation to all the sub-sections, but as far as possible the principle is followed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether an Ezhuva candidate stood for election? They have a population of 1,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is true that they have a population of 1,000. But it is distributed all over the Panchayat, and it may not be possible for them to stand in any of the wards and win the election. Unfortunately in these days you can more or less imagine the result if they stand for election without sufficient strength.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether in fact any of them stood for election?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Not to my knowledge.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Are not these Ezhuvas too poor to contest an election?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think poor people are there in all the communities. It is not an exclusive privilege of the Ezhuvas.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The average wealth of the Ezhuva when compared to the Nayar is terribly low.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The average wealth of the Christian may be a little higher than that of the Nayar.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* No. Are there any more nominations to be made?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Does the Government find that elected members, if they belong to a particular community, work to the detriment of every other community?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: No, Sir.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Do not the elected members represent all communities?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the Government allow the legitimate claims of other minority communities to be defeated because there are some Ezhuvas?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am considering all these various conflicting claims when making nominations, and as far as possible endeavour to satisfy the various communities. I am not going to say I have succeeded. No human being in the world can satisfy all these claims. But, on the whole, you will find that these nominations have been made fairly and squarely.

CHERANELLUR NAYAR SAMAJAM—REQUEST FOR NAMING A ROAD

81. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there was a request from the Nayar Samajam, Cheranellur, for naming a road after His Highness the late Maharaja and what orders were passed on such a petition, if any?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes; agreeably to the request of the Panchayat the road was named after the Panchayat President.

82. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a road in the Cheranellur Panchayat area at Iyyappadam (ഐയ്യപ്പടം);

(*b*) whether the Nayar Samajam has passed a resolution to the effect that the road should be named "ശിവരാമ ക്ഷേത്രം";

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